

part of Cochlostyla. The specimens of each group have been identified and relabelled.

The Conservator has been much assisted by Mrs. Pilsbry, who has neatly mounted the specimens presented and studied during the year, over three thousand five hundred trays in all. Mr. Campbell and other members of the Museum Committee have also rendered valuable aid in the Museum.

Respectfully submitted,

H. A. PILSBRY,

*Conservator.*

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### REPORT OF THE ENTOMOLOGICAL SECTION.

Much interest has been taken in the work of the Section during the year. The meetings have been fairly well attended, the highest number present at any one meeting being fifteen and the lowest seven. Verbal communications of interest have been made by a majority of the members and reported in the monthly issues of the Entomological News. Nearly four hundred books and pamphlets have been added to the library, some of which were purchased, the majority, however, being either donated or received in exchange. The collections are all in fairly good condition, much work having been done on them by the Conservator and the members interested in the several orders. Many valuable additions have been made to the cabinet, in all about 1369 specimens. The most important additions were received from the Greenland Expedition and from Mr. W. J. Fox who presented much of the material he collected in Jamaica. Rev. Dr. McCook presented a valuable and accurately named collection of European Ants which will be very useful for comparison. Many specimens were received through the agency of the Entomological News which is published by the Section with the financial aid of the American Entomological Society. Volume two of this journal, consisting of two hundred and fourteen pages with ten plates, has been completed. It has steadily grown both in size and circulation and during the coming year twenty-four pages will be published each month, and each number will be illustrated if possible. At the meeting held December 14th, 1891, the following were elected officers to serve during the coming year :

*Director,* . . . . . Geo. H. Horn.

*Vice-President,* . . . . . I. C. Martindale.

<i>Recorder,</i>	. . . . .	Henry Skinner.
<i>Conservator,</i>	. . . . .	Henry Skinner.
<i>Publication Committee,</i>	. . . . .	{ J. H. Ridings, Philip Laurent.
		HENRY SKINNER, <i>Recorder.</i>

## REPORT OF THE BOTANICAL SECTION.

The Vice-Director of the Botanical Section has pleasure in reporting that the growth of the Herbarium, which it has been a satisfaction to record in former years, still continues, as is shown by the statement of the Conservator hereunto attached as part of this report.

Stated meetings have been held regularly during the year, and many matters of interest to botanical science introduced, some of which have appeared in the publications of the Academy.

The Section is out of debt and with a balance in its treasury.

The officers for the ensuing year are:

<i>Director,</i>	. . . . .	W. S. W. Ruschenberger, M. D.
<i>Vice-Director,</i>	. . . . .	Thomas Meehan.
<i>Recorder,</i>	. . . . .	Charles Schäffer, M. D.
<i>Cor. Sec. and Treasurer,</i>	. . . . .	Isaac C. Martindale.
<i>Conservator,</i>	. . . . .	John H. Redfield.

Respectfully submitted,

THOMAS MEEHAN,

*Vice-Director.*

*Conservator's Report for 1891.*—The Conservator of the Herbarium in presenting his report for the year closing November 30, is enabled to congratulate the Academy and the Section upon the improved condition, constant growth and increasing usefulness of its botanical collections.

The accessions during the year have kept pace with those of former years. The total number of species of Phanerogams and vascular Cryptogams received has been 2,496. Of these, 721 species were new to the Herbarium, representing also 72 genera new to us. 605 species are North American, 1,518 are from tropical America, and 373 from the old world. Of the lower Cryptogams, we have